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**RESPONSE**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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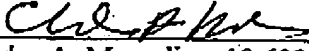
Responsive to the Advisory Action of July 1, 2003, which denied entry of the amendment on the basis that it raised new issues, Applicant requests that the amendment be entered for purposes of an Appeal. It should be noted that the Examiner, in the final rejection, cited the Newman et al patent for the first time and made a new ground of rejection of all the claims based upon the Newman et al patent taken in view of the Dohi patent. It was Applicant's first opportunity to amend the claims in view of the newly cited reference and it was the first opportunity Applicant had to amend the claims to distinguish thereover. Therefore, the final rejection was premature on the basis that there was a new ground of rejection made in the final rejection and the response after final was the first opportunity that Applicant had to respond thereto. Therefore, it is requested that

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the amendment be entered for purposes of Appeal and Applicant's arguments considered with respect thereto.

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